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Dear Committee Chair & Members:

The following amendments to Senate Bill 76 are being requested to 1) correct the name of the regional compact of which Nevada WICHE is a member; 2) correct the compact name in statute; and, 3) remove a procedure that is not currently performed by the Regional WICHE office.

1) The name of the congressionally chartered regional compact is the *Western Regional Education Compact*. Existing language throughout NRS 397 states the compact name as the *Western Regional Higher Education Compact*. Nevada WICHE is requesting to remove "Higher" from the compact name in existing statute. Specifically, Page 2, Line 12; and, Page 13, Line 10.

2) NRS 397.060(3); Section 5. Language was added requiring the Regional WICHE office, located in Boulder, Colorado, to provide the Nevada commissioners a list of applicants for the regional PSEP program. Nevada WICHE is requesting this language be removed, as it is not the practice of the regional office to provide applicant lists to any of the state offices in the compact for its regional program. It is the standard practice among state offices to receive, process and report their applicants to the Regional WICHE office and, if required, its state's commissioners. Nevada is requesting this PSEP procedure be consistent with all other state offices in the compact. Specifically, the removal of "which list is prepared by the Regional Office" on Page 8, Lines 12 and 13.

3) NRS 397.0685(1)(a); Section 17. The Division of Health & Human Services has notified the Nevada WICHE office they are proposing a friendly amendment to add the language to this section. Nevada WICHE is in agreement with an amendment recommendation to more clearly identify workforce shortage areas.

The Nevada office of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education sincerely appreciates the Committee addressing these statutory modifications to NRS 397 and welcomes any questions you may have.